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1. Following the visit of the Soviet leaders to Belgrade in May 1955, a number of Bulgarian Ministers made speeches to various Okrug Party committees throughout Bulgaria in which they explained the recent Soviet efforts to establish a rapprochement with Yugoslavia. In a speech at Stara Zagora, the Minister of Post, Telephone and Telegraph, Tsola Dragoycheva, emphasized, among other things, that Yugoslavia, with its 40 divisions, must be brought "back into the fold" at all costs, even if such action involves a loss of prestige for the Soviet Union.   25X1

2. The following day, this particular statement was deleted from Dragoycheva's speech when it was edited for a news broadcast over Radio Sofia. Mikhail (Misho) Nikolov, Chairman of the Committee for Radio Information, authorized this deletion, and then discussed the entire matter with Gero Grozev, Deputy Minister of Culture, who has been in charge of radio broadcasting at the Ministry for the past four months. Subsequently, Tsola Dragoycheva was reprimanded severely for negligence in revealing confidential information without the prior approval of the Agitprop Department.

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